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H. CON. RES. 194

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the display of the Ten Commandments in public buildings does not violate the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 28, 2005

Mr. MELANCON (for himself and Mr. McCAUL of Texas) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the display of the Ten Commandments in public buildings does not violate the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Whereas the Ten Commandments are a historical document that played a significant role in the foundation of our system of law and government;

Whereas our forefathers built the United States Constitution on the bedrock of our common values;

Whereas our first amendment rights provide for freedom of expression, including religious expression;

Whereas the recent split decision by the United States Supreme Court has created confusion about the role of religion in the public sphere; and

Whereas in the ruling of June 28, 2005, the Supreme Court of the United States found in its decision in *McCreary County v. American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky* that the first amendment prohibits the Ten Commandments from being displayed in courts of law in certain instances: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that the
 3 display of the Ten Commandments in public buildings
 4 does not violate the first amendment to the Constitution
 5 of the United States.

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